

Amendment and Response

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For: PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE TAPE AND PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE COMPOSITION
FOR MEDICAL ADHESIVE TAPE

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 27, with the following amended paragraph.

When a UV initiator such as Irgacure-2959 (trade name) is added in an amount of 1.5 wt% or more, it is observed that the UV initiator is resided in the adhesive composition and the base polymer undertakes photodecomposition under light such as fluorescent light and, for example, the adhesive composition is fluidized in a short period of time within one month. Such a phenomenon is particularly outstanding when the urethane acrylate oligomer has a carboxyl group. Accordingly, the amount of the UV initiator need be restricted to an appropriate amount so as to prevent the photodeterioration of the adhesive composition. The UV initiator is usually used in an amount of less than 1.5 wt%, preferably from 0.01 to 1.0 wt%. more preferably from 0.01 to 0.1 wt%, even more preferably from 0.03 to 0.06 wt%, based on the total amount of the adhesive composition. By using such amount range, it is possible to prevent that the curing insufficiently proceed satisfactorily and stickiness results, and to prevent that photodeterioration occurs.